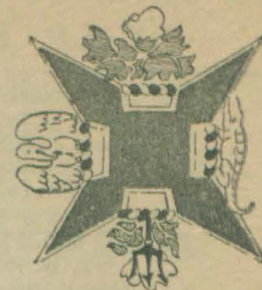




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## 31st Moves To La. For August War Games

**Half Million Men Will Participate When Third Army Engages Second In Grand Scale Action**

The Division moves into the lowlands of Louisiana the middle of next August, when the Dixie Division joins other units of the Fourth Army Corps in the Camp Beauregard area for maneuvers which will consume the rest of the month. The entire Third Army of which the 31st Div. is a unit, will hold joint problems until the middle of September, then engage the Second Army in a gigantic combat problem September 15th.

Over a half-million men will participate in these operations, the Third Army alone having around 360,000 men in action. General Headquarters will conduct the maneuvers between the Third and Second Armies.

Even now, small units in the Southwest are engaged in practice moves, but the major movements will begin in July. The Sabine area, in Southwest Louisiana and Eastern Texas will be the scene of the grand scale maneuvers, with all Blanding units taking part.

No announcement has been made as yet about the exact date on which convoys will begin leaving camp, but August 11 is the time set for action to begin in the Pelican State. Parties are now at work surveying the area over which the Dixie troopers will march, drive and fight in the coming mock warfare.

Fifty days will be consumed by these maneuvers, keeping the men in constant action during that time. The War Department stressed the fact that all plans are subject to change.

## Dixie Sergeant

Master Sgt. Horace P. Gautier, Battery F 114th Field Artillery, recorded the highest grade in his class on a recent three-month motor mechanic course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Sergeant Gautier led the group of 96 soldiers, from army camps all over the country, with a score of 96.

## Dixie Chorus Joins New Englanders

The 114th Field Artillery Choir, directed by Chaplain E. E. Wells and composed of 25 members, joined voices with the 118 Quartermaster Regiment, 43rd Division, last Sunday evening upon the invitation of the Yankee boys. Three trucks, furnished by the Quartermasters, carried them there and back.

## They Come To Play



A slight sample of the treat in store for the men of the Dixie Division in days to come if every regiment is as lucky as was the 114th Field Artillery when they opened the series of regimental dances by entertaining over one hundred and fifty young ladies from surrounding cities. Evidently there must be something attractive about the beauties in the top picture; at least you'd think so from the attention being shown them. In case anyone is interested, and we know no one is, the young ladies are Miss Betty Jo Hodges, Palatka; Miss Frances Opperman, Green Cove Springs; and Miss Helen Dowling, Starke. In the bottom picture is a scene on the dance floor, with the Regimental colors in the background. It seems obvious that there was no scarcity of stags.

## Dixie's Boxers Will Participate As Army Fighters Face Navy

Three matches, one involving two contenders for the heavyweight crown and another pairing a Dixie Division fighter who has met Joe Louis against one of the best men in the Navy, have been agreed upon by the presiding Army-Navy board which is arranging the May 17th bouts in Jacksonville.

Fighting in the feature attraction for the evening which will draw fans and sports scribes from as distant as New York City will be Private Tommy Gomez, heavyweight, of the Med. Detachment, 116th F. A., vs. Boatwain Frank Parrata, rated highly in eastern circles, of New Jersey.

In the light heavy class, Pvt. Peter George, 124th Infantry, a veteran of 250 fights, one of which was with worlds champion

Joe Louis, will meet Boatwain Tommy Tucker, Long Island, possessor of a long string of victories over eastern and Pacific coast boxers. Yet tentative is a match between Corporal Maxey U. S. M. C. and R. J. Broussard, Company C, 156th Infantry, of New Iberia, La.

The Dixie Division boys retired from their closed stable near Camp headquarters Friday night (Continued on page 4)

## Entire Division Will March For General And Visitors

### Writing Classes To Be Formed

An instructor from W. P. A. Writers Project will meet in the near future with those men interested in forming a Scribblers Club here at Camp Blanding. An editor will come to camp twice a month in the evenings to conduct discussions on short story radio and feature story writing, all who wish to register for this activity will send their name to Mrs. Veronica Taylor, senior hostess of service club number three.

### 124th Infantry Opens Beach

A work detail of 150 men of the 124th Infantry spent Wednesday afternoon clearing and landscaping that Infantry's assigned beach area on the sandy shores of Kingsley lake, under the direction of Lt. Frank H. Crowe, recreation officer. The area, including 300 feet of lake front, was cleaned and raked and toilet facilities installed. Work will be completed very soon. Life guards are on duty during all swimming periods and five whale boats were obtained for use by the guards.

### Murderer Punished By His Superiors

"Sergeant A-Flat", canine mascot of the 116th Field Artillery band, was adjudged guilty of dog-slaughter the other day and sentenced to one dog-biscuit and seven laps of water a day for a week as punishment.

"Sergeant A-Flat" and a pal he had picked up somewhere were having a friendly tussle on Louisiana Avenue (which bisects the 116th area) and "Flat" craftily managed to shove his opponent to an untimely death beneath the wheels of a passing truck.

### Agile Private Knew What He Was Doing

When Private Nelson E. Pugh, Battery E, 116th Field Artillery, began doing handsprings, tumbles and somersaults the other day his buddies were sure the heat had finally got him—they didn't know he was a trapeze artist.

Nelson began studying trapeze acts in 1930. Since he has appeared with troupes at Chicago's World Fair, in road shows, and in 1937 toured England with the "Peerless Potters". He likes the Army, but he's keeping in practice to go back to his "Tarzan" antics when his year is over.

### 31st Will Bring Full Equipment Up for Display As Visitors From Four States Join Dignitaries In Watching First Total Division Parade

The Dixie Division will step forth May 10 with the first "all out" parade since induction. Bands will play "Dixie" as almost twenty thousand men pass in review, with full mechanical equipment, for their four Generals, a state Governor and the Adjutants General of the four mother states of the Division.

This will be the first parade of its kind in the short history of Camp Blanding, and citizens of the four states from whence the men come have been invited to attend. Thousands are expected from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, several regiments making special plans for the entertainment of the guests.

Men of the 167th (Ala.) Infantry, will have a "Sweethearts of Alabama Day," inviting all wives, mothers and sweethearts of the men to join them in special celebration. A regimental Dance for the Alabamians will be given that day as well as other activities, consuming the entire week end.

Every piece of rolling equipment within the Division will pass before the reviewing stand that day as well as other actibler of the Division personnel. The visiting dignitaries will join the Generals on the platform, and will stay there during the several hours it will require for the entire demonstration.

The Division hostess house will be open to all guests, the cafeteria serving meals three times a day. Members of the various Regiments will plan entertainments independently for the crowds which are expected to attend.

### Amateur Hours In 167th Infantry

Two members of Company C, of the 167th Infantry, Albert King and Roy Killingsworth have really started something in the nature of entertainment. They have rigged up a two watt transmitter home-made radio broadcasting set made of part telephone and part radio and have been putting on amateur programs from their tent every night. They have asked that talent along the music and acting lines try their stuff over the air for the camp and especially the 167th area and have had a very good response, one night having to turn down over thirty five soldiers, as the time was limited.



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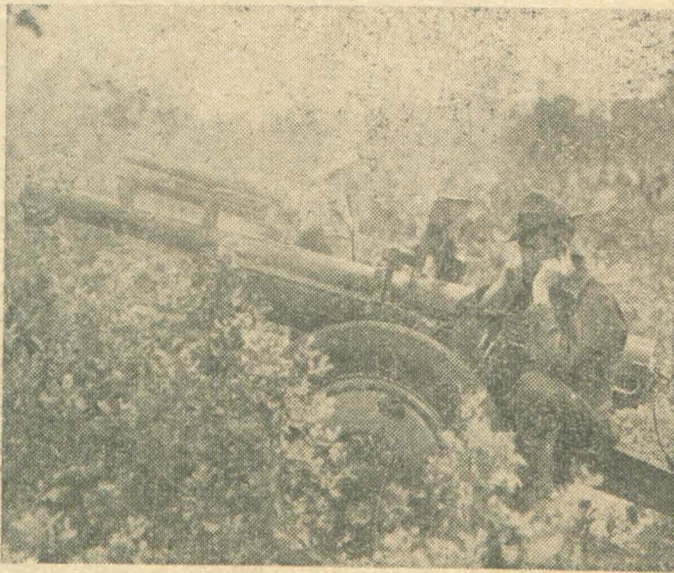
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## Observer Can't Take It



As a 37 mm cannon roars, the man in earphones covers up his ears to protect them from blast. The scene was on the newly completed artillery range near here as the 56th Field Artillery Brigade, under command of Brigadier General Sumter Lowery rolled forth and blasted away with the small guns mounted on 155 Howitzer and "75". The gun has just been fired, smoke is still wrapping a slight haze about the barrel on the weapon, and in another moment the supply crew will dash into place with a reload. Over 1100 rounds of ammunition was expended as Dixie's three regiments of artillery, the 114th, the 116th and the 117th, spent two days of the week giving non-coms a chance to direct firing activities.

## Editorials of Note

Submitted by

Capt. C. W. Springer

For the college student it is certainly much better to have his college education interrupted for a period of a year of military training than to have to return to beautiful campus and find it in ruins by incendiary bombs. There will be considerable difference in the two kinds of training but you will agree that such a halt in ones life will be preferable to the sort of uninterruptedness you would be enjoying if you were students at the Sorbonne, or Leyden, or Copenhagen, or Oslo, or Prague. Of those institutions, the physical structure is reasonably intact. But is anything else?

Modern war is a life and death struggle between the total economic strength of the opponents. America is attempting to do more in two years than Germany did in six.

That applies not only to war but to defense against war. This fighting going on today was the preparation begun a long time ago. War is the final chapter of a conflict that started years before with the gathering of raw materials, tools and the planning of production lines.

## 106th QM. To Fire On Rifle Range

Approximately eight hundred and twenty-five officers and enlisted men of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment will start two and a half days of target practice Monday. The firing will be on 1000-inch range, with 1903 model .30 calibre Springfield rifle.

## New Hostess Head

Announced last week was a change in the 31st Division Senior hostess, Mrs. C. W. Chalker being placed in that office, and Mrs. Veronica Taylor transferred to the Station Complement, to be senior hostess there.

## Selectees Gain Colonel's Praise

Colonel A. G. Paxton, Commanding Officer of the 114th Field Artillery, highly commended selectees assigned to the 114th Trainee Regiment, commanded by Lt. Col. Henry N. Eason, following their excellent showing in a review before the 56th Brigade.

Reprinted in the "Dragon," regimental paper, it said in part: "The high standards of the regiment require that all new members attain a high degree of efficiency and you, by your willing spirit, faithful and careful attention to duty, have indicated clearly that you intend to do your share in building up the regiment."

## One For The Record To Be Sent Home

Soldiers of the 116th Field Artillery have adopted a brand new idea in letter writing. Perhaps it will some day be more appropriately termed, letter "talk-ing," just . . . perhaps. Anyway, they don't write at all, but make a record of what they want to say, of their own voice, or voices. And send it home to the folks—and sweethearts. Not being authorities in the field—either romance or other types of letter writing, but we imagine this will revolutionize the business. (Of letter writing).

## New System For Getting Up Early

Corporal Ed Johnson, headquarters Detachment, second battalion, 124th Infantry, from Starke, was sleeping so soundly Monday morning that his alarm clock had to use stronger than usual methods—it hit him in the face!

The alarm clock stands on a shelf above Johnson's head, and at 5:30 A. M. (the appointed time) the clock alarmed but did not awaken him. The alarm's continued vibration caused the clock to "walk" off the shelf and it fell directly into Johnson's face. He was up in two seconds flat.



Without ado, apology or warning, this column will begin.

The latest story from Headquarters Company Special Troops, has all the earmarks of a tale which bears repeating. It's new to us, so Pivit Talk passes it along: A young selectee of that unit sent a card back to the men of the Selective Service Board, bearing a slightly time worn tourist beginning. In fact, it had the usual Florida tagline; "Having a wonderful time, wish I had you here."

And then there's the definitely lovesick member of the culinary detail (cooks to youse guys), who waited upon cartoonist Marshall Hale. Holding out his eager hand for a tidbit, and also sticking out a plate with the other paw, the artist gaped at the dessert. The star-gazing KP sighed gently, plopped a handful of cookies on the plate, and deposited a juicy slice of peach in the scribbler's palm.

You've heard about the people who would give a buddy their last cent or the shirt off their back. Well, the 31st has just such a man. Yes sir, Corp. Rene LaSalle, Co. G, 156th Infantry, proved that the milk of human kindness still has a bit of flavor. Some of his chums were broke and wanted to take in a show but lacked the \$1.20 necessary for the five to get in honestly. The Corporal reached in his pocket, dolefully handed them the exact amount, and stated that it was all that he had to last until pay day. He insisted that they enjoy themselves, and that he would "manage". We might add that there really was a bit of dark skin showing from behind the corner of the woodpile. The next day was payday.

The lines are drawn, the differences are great and the soldiers who haunt the Division Hostess House are on the verge of bitter words. Two entirely different schools of thought have developed within the walls of that palace of recreation, and hard feeling run amok. Some competition even reared its head the other day when the two sects clashed. For some like the nickelodeon, others swear by the newest thing in the show field; the Panoram machine. Twas quite a thing the other day when both machines were turned to highest pitch in order to drown out one another. But the new machine is a fascinating animal—true.

According to the Mississippi Dragon, only lady in the 114th Field Artillery Regiment, (they call their sheet the Miss Dragon) Sergeant Tommy Billelo had a deep and dark brown motive when he sought the chairmanship of the dance the other night. He now is the proud possessor of the address of every girl, and is retailing the dope at twenty-five cents per.

But seriously (and we do hate to be serious) if all the dances come off as well as the opener, the soldiers of this Division are in for some swell times. Few college proms can boast the conduct shown by the men of the 114th Field Artillery as they played host to over a hundred and fifty visiting young ladies. And the committee deserves plenty of credit. All enlisted men; they saw that a swell time was had by all, and with no help from or need for an M. P.

Haircuts in Company C, 156th Infantry, seem pretty effective these days. Pvt. William Roblchaux fell into formation the other day and his squad leader called the roll two times without recognizing him.

Then there is the sad tale of the young man who set the stern rule that anyone not knocking before they entered would be placed gently back in the street without further bickering. All went well and only a few broken noggins were the result until one night he wandered into his own domicile when all was quiet. Imagine that—no knock. He bounced three times when he hit the sand of the street.

A war department bulletin, issued the other day, announced that Mothers Day would be officially recognized in the army, and ordered all unit commanders to see that the men remembered the occasion. But—why should we have to be reminded of such a thing? There are few soldiers who do not take that day as a solemn one; few who are not thoughtful enough to remember the lady they owe more than they can ever repay. She brought him into the world, loved him when he was a mere object of interest to the neighbors, fought for him when everyone else turned their faces the other way and stuck by him no matter what arose. He owes a great debt to her; an amount so staggering that money is no standard by which to judge the sum. Take time off Sunday week, save something from that pay check, make arrangements to remember her in some form, no matter how slight, and it will mean more than anything else possibly could. Let's forget our own petty grievances for a day and remember that someone suffered more than we'll ever understand so that we could be here. And she did all in her power to see that the way was smooth as possible.

## THEATER MEMO

The following is a list of Feature Attractions showing at the 31st Division Theater during the coming week. Two performances are available each evening, beginning at 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M. Matinees will be resumed this week.

SATURDAY, MAY 3: Double Feature, "GIVE US WINGS" featuring Billy Halop and Hunt Hall; "BLONDIE PLAYS CUPID" featuring Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, and Larry Simme, Also The Pooch Parade.

SUNDAY and MONDAY, MAY 4, 5: "FLIGHT COMMAND" featuring Robert Taylor, Ruth Hussey, and Walter Pidgeon. Also Paramount News.

TUESDAY, MAY 6: "CHEROKEE STRIP" featuring Richard Dix, Florence Rice, and Victor Jory. Also Popular Science and EKO Pathe News.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, MAY 7, 8: "SECOND CHORUS" featuring Fred Astaire, Paulette Goddard, Burgess Meredith, and Artie Shaw & his band, Also Information Please and Paramount News.

FRIDAY, MAY 9: "DR. KILDARE'S CRISIS" featuring Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Laraine Day, and Nat Pendleton. Also Sportscope, Our Gang Comedy, and Gene Krupa and Orchestra.

SATURDAY, MAY 10: Double Feature: "PIER 13" featuring Lloyd Nolan, Lynn Bari, and Douglas Fowley; "WAGON TRAIL" featuring Tim Holt and Ray Whitley. Also Savoy in the Alps.



## Light Fantastic Outdraws ABCs

The dancing class jointly sponsored by the W. P. A. and the 116th Field Artillery, began this week with an enrollment of 250 students and a faculty of four Jacksonville ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Cornelia Bannan, formerly with the Arthur Murray Studios in New York City. Reading and writing classes held concurrently in the same manner attracted only 28 soldiers with one instructor handling the group. Classes were arranged by Lt. Woodrow Dickey, recreation officer.

The classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The dancing class will get its first "real" practice next Wednesday night when the regiment sponsors a dance in the division hostess house. Over 100 young ladies from nearby towns have agreed to attend and music will be furnished by the "Rhythmairs," the Regimental orchestra.

## They Wouldn't Talk So Leaves Halt

Spending an enjoyable Saturday afternoon in Camp Blanding were seven non-coms of Baton Rouge's Co. A, 156th Infantry, selectee training company.

The seven stayed on the company street seven hours to teach six recruits who could neither read nor write their General Orders.

Sgt. Crochet explained. . . "Col. Stubbs (commander of the training regiment) had told us that we were confined to the company street until we could teach the men the 11 orders. We went along all right until we hit these six. And they just refused to learn. Well, we started on them at 12:30 p. m. and worked in shifts until 6 p. m., taking off a little time for supper. We cajoled and argued with them, having to resort to making them recite the orders for 25 minutes each by the clock."

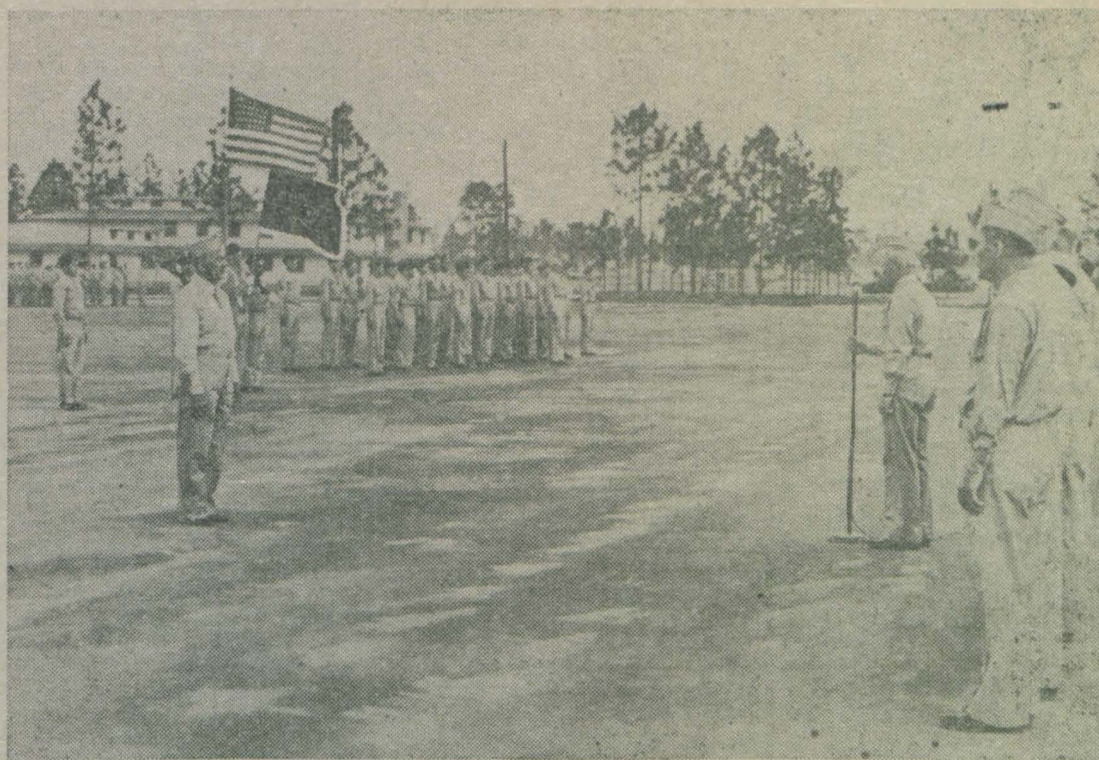
## Educated Pooch Knows His Calls

Well, it seems that mascots will never cease to be interesting. Now, there's the bulldog down in the Anti-Tank company of the 156th Infantry who, so the inspecting officer of a recent date says, is really up on his toes in his military education. He actually knows the different bugle calls. When the mess call blares forth, he's the first one in the mess hall; when the assembly call is sounded, he is right in line, ready to march forth! We're wondering just where he's going to fall in when the pay-day call shatters the ether . . . and how many bones a bull dog private gets.

## Quick Trip Home For Soldier With Wings

Pvt. John R. Belcher, 124th Infantry, may be 380 miles from home but he's hours closer to it than any other Miami area soldier—he owns an airplane. Belcher—an insurance man before his number "turned up" is in Headquarters Detachment of the 1st battalion. He plans to bring his plane up from Miami to a location near Camp Blanding soon.

## General Speaks To Youngest



The 106th Medical Regiment, youngest unit of the Division, hears Major General John C. Persons, Division Commander, tell of the importance of the work accomplished by the medicos both during peace and war. The General then presented the newly acquired Regimental colors to Colonel Aneese Mogabgab, Commander of the Mercy Regiment. A full dress parade was held in honor of the occasion, the General and his staff accepting the dinner invitation of the Regimental Officers that night.

## Biting Reply to Flippancy

They take things literally down in Anti-Tank company, 155th Infantry.

Corporal John E. White brought a coke to Corp E. C. Lunceford. Imagine the chagrin when the recipient discovered that his drink was thoroughly closed by a determined stopper. "How'm I supposed to open this thing?" he inquired.

His chum, discouraged by the seeming impotence of the other, replied: "Aw, bite it off."

Expressions of bystanders went from amusement to amazement as the tormented proceeded to tear the cap loose with his teeth.

## It Can Happen Here

Private Jake C. Newsome, Jr., Service and ammunition Btry., 116th Field Artillery, was promoted in one big jump from private to sergeant April 21. Newsome joined the National Guards last October 9 and was inducted November 25. Last Thursday he was sent to Ft. Moultrie, S. C., to attend the Army Motor Transport school for three months.

## Morning After The Night Before

The Monday morning after the week end inspired this epic of Army life by Private Kenneth Walker, Hq. Btry. 116th Field Artillery:

I RETURN FROM LEAVE  
Here I lie upon the bed,  
Throat so dry and throbbing  
head;

Blood-shot eyes and body sore  
The morning after the night before.

Can't remember where I went;  
Don't know where the time was  
spent;

But wow! What a time it musta  
been—

Look what a helluva shape I'm  
in!

## Far From Home And No Reception

A selectee giving his name as James Cecil Lindsey and an arrival of the night before walked into a canteen and asked a corporal if he knew a fellow named Crane, from Mississippi.

The corporal replied no and began to question the soldier. It evolved he had been sent here from Fort Benning, Ga., and was going on to a camp in New Jersey.

"Well where are you staying," asked the corporal, "Reception Center?"

"Naw," replied the selectee, "They didn't have no reception a-tall—nowhere I been."

## Free Trip For Good Behavior

Men of the 31st may soon be rewarded by free trips to points of interest around this section of the country according to a bulletin issued by Camp Headquarters recently. Division, Brigade or Regimental commanders are authorized to use government conveyances for the transportation of members of the camp personnel on recreation trips.

Maybe if you can get the boys in the company to make a good record, we might have a series of "good conduct" trips from this training center.

## TRIP TO TAMPA

Three hundred and thirty-eight men and eleven officers of the 106th Qm. Regiment, 31st Div. will go on a practice convoy to Tampa on the 3-4 of May. No tactical situation will be involved.

The convoy will consist of the 1st Bn. and attached units. The first bn. is composed of Companies A and B. The attached units will be from Companies B, F, Hq., Service and the Med. Detachment.

Leaving the reservation at noon the convoy will cover a distance of 177 miles. The convoy will remain in Tampa until 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

## Dixie's First Twins Pay Off For Proud Pop

One of the happiest and proudest men in the whole Thirty-first division is none other than Private Gussie Day, member of Co. A, 124th Infantry of Miami, who became the father of twin girls last Friday night, one weighing five pounds and the other three. Private Day was lucky in more than one way, first was that his name happened to be drawn out of the hat to be able to go to Miami last week, not expecting the additions to arrive quite so soon.

The only unlucky part except having to buy two of everything and having all his buttons popping off his shirts is the fact the fellows of Company A vow that he will have to pay off in double the amount of cigars when he arrives back in camp.

All the "Happy Days" including the soldier father are reported getting along nicely.

## Soldiers Quit

Two 31st Division youths, members of the 116th Field Artillery, have been accepted by the Air Corps to take the Flying Cadets course. The pair are Corporal Therman D. Brown, Battery B; and private David C. Southard, a volunteer in service and ammunition Battery, 2nd Battalion.

## Address Unknown

Mail clerk Benjamin Crawford, is still scratching his head and wondering how a certain letter ever got to his 116th Field Artillery postoffice. It was addressed: "Mr. H. Battery, 116 L. Ave., Camp Blanding, Fla." It contained an advertisement from a Richmond, Va., tobacco firm. Who it was for remains a mystery for there is no H Battery.

## 155th To Journey To Biloxi, Miss. For Celebration

The entire 155th Infantry, under the command of Colonel George E. Hogaboom, will journey to Biloxi, Miss., June 3 to celebrate the birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, and a former commander of the regiment, if present plans meet no conflict.

Colonel Hogaboom stated today that the Mississippi Daughters of the Confederacy have requested the trip's sanction from high officials and the men in the regiment are anxious to make the 600 mile trek.

Major General Persons, he said, is entirely in sympathy with the plans and assured him that if nothing in the Corps or Army program interferes, "it will be approved."

Southern organizations and civil war veterans from all over the south will be present for the event, celebrated each year by the 155th as Regimental Day. It was President Davis who led the regiment through the Mexican war, one of the most colorful periods in its many years of function as a unit. Today, it is the seventh oldest regiment in the Service.

## New Bn. Head In 124 Inf.

Major Henry W. McMillan, Jr., of Tallahassee, formerly commanding officer of Company "M", 124th Infantry, which is the Tallahassee unit of the 124th Infantry here, has been assigned as commanding officer of the 124th's first battalion.

Major McMillan until his new assignment was assistant "G-3" (Plans and Training) for the 31st Division. He succeeds Major Robert A. Davis, of Orlando, whose untimely death recently created the vacancy.

## St. Augustine Nearer With Bridge Open

With the opening of the Shands bridge, at Green Cove Springs, St. Augustine, America's oldest city, is now about thirty-eight miles from camp. Soldiers have been invited to make the city their headquarters while on sight seeing trips, and to participate in activities there.

Facilities have been arranged by Col. O. W. McNeese, Public Relations Officer, for all men to find recreation, food and lodging at reasonable prices, and the citizens are anxious to have the soldiers see their colorful city.

## Wandering Officer Disowned By Own

Lieutenant John F. Baskin, Battery A, 114th Field Artillery, was out on a reconnaissance assignment for the 1st Battalion.

The telephone at 2nd Battalion Headquarters rang, and an officer from 167th Infantry asked if they had a Lieutenant by that name; that he had been captured. "Never heard of him," they answered.

He came in late that night, mumbling.



## Man Who Peers Through Instruments Holds A Responsible Post

### Instrument Sergeant Quits Trimming Fruit Trees In Order To Train Guns On Firing Range

By Pvt. Charles Traylor

It is a far cry from the business of caring for citrus groves to being instrument sergeant of an artillery battery, but that is just the jump Sgt. Freemont B. Stanley of Winter Haven, Florida took. Sgt. Stanley, with Btry. F, 116th Field Artillery, has been a member of the National Guard since April 1937. In Winter Haven the sergeant worked with the Citrus Growers Ass'n. and his line of work consisted of planting and taking care of the trees until they were to the bearing stage but the army called last November so the sergeant put away his tools and headed for Camp Blanding.

The instrument section of a firing battery is made up of three men, consisting of a sergeant, corporal and a first class private and the function of this particular section is the setting up and operation of instruments. It acts as a nucleus of the battery survey party. This section is at all times directly responsible to the reconnaissance officer, also the responsibility of setting up of observation post and operating the instruments and map data recorded from the firing. The sergeant is assisted in his duties by the corporal and the private.

At the present time this unit is using French 75 mm guns but expects to soon be firing new 105 Howitzers also. The range finder alone on the 75 mm guns weighs close to one hundred pounds and often have to be carried by one or two men for short distances.

After the training period is over Sergeant Stanley, who spent his boyhood days on a small island twenty miles from Bar Harbor, Maine, says that he intends to continue his work in the citrus field industry and hopes some day in the future to have his own grove to work and grow citrus products, maybe to sell Uncle Sam's standing Army of those future days.

### Study Hour Pays Says Rich Private

For an entire week Private George Beers, Headquarters Battery 116th Field Artillery, studied Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" during his lunch hour. And labor evidently hath its own rewards, for Pvt. Beers is now Pvt. Beers, third class specialist and those three last words add \$20 per month to the \$30 he's already getting. Beers is regimental clerk.

### Higher Officers Go To School

Even Generals and Colonels have a lot to learn. The ten colonels and three brigadier-generals of the 31st Division, all commanding regiments or brigades, as well as connected staff officers, are now required to be "students" in a motor school conducted here.

### Blanding Day At Rainbow Springs

The management of Rainbow Springs, near Dunnellon, Florida, has designated Sunday's, May 4 and 11 as "Camp Blanding Days". Officers and men of the Camp and their immediate families will receive preferred treatment on these two days. Half prices will hold on glass bottom and under water boats to members of the armed forces, their immediate families with them and if unmarried to one companion. As a matter of information Rainbow Springs is on Florida's west coast highways, U. S. 19 and 41, seventy miles from Starke. Bring your camera.

### Battalion Rewarded By Ocala Trip

One of the first "good conduct" tours in Dixie Division history was held last Saturday, when Col. Robert G. Saxon, 155th Infantry first Bn. Commander, took his entire unit on an overnight trip to Ocala and Silver Springs as a reward for their excellent showing in the recent course inspection and the hard work they have done of late.

Citizens of that city joined the soldiers in the festivities, giving a dance in their honor Saturday night, and joining them at supper in the field. Ladies of the town furnished the partners for the ball, the 155th Band sounding music for the occasion. At the usual reveille time, five thirty, the Regimental Band paraded the town, playing "Dixie" for the recently pounded ears of the startled populace. About thirty of the more energetic citizenry joined the men at an army breakfast on the lawn of the American Legion Home about six forty-five.

This was the first of a series of such tours, the reward of good work under the new camp order permitting recreation trips to be made in government vehicles at the request of the regimental commanders.

### Chinese Rookie Shows His Mettle

They don't question the courage of private Loy Chan Wong anymore.

Wong, a recruit with the 116th Field Artillery, was assigned to guard some equipment with a .30 calibre rifle on a recent overnight maneuver. A first-sergeant and a private decided to try him out. Creeping silently near him, they suddenly rushed in and began picking up the guarded equipment.

Results: No bullet wounds, but several large lumps as butt-end of rifle contacted skull.

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Captain Joe B. Phillips, commander of Second Bn. Hq. Btry., 114th Field Artillery, played a great part in construction of the regiment's beach on Kingsley Lake.

### Colonel Has Cane With A Story

Did you ever notice Colonel George E. Hogaboom's walking cane?

Well it's a jointed, rattan affair, about two and a half feet long, stained a dark brown, and it's twenty-five years old he knows.

It may be older but the 155th commander got it during October of the year 1918 when he was a Major commanding the 1st Battalion of his present regiment. An officer was needed at once in the front lines and none was present with the Colonel but Lt. Martin M. Bush, the battalion replacement adjutant. To him he gave the assignment.

"Major," said the Lieutenant, not nervously, but with one of those premonitions one gets some times, "I have a feeling I'm going to be hit tonight and here," handing him his cane, "is something I want you to keep—to remember me by."

And sure enough the young officer was struck by shrapnel that very night. "But recovered," added the Colonel, "and is now living in Memphis."

The cane, lost by the Colonel on the Dixie Division's first CPX, two weeks ago, was returned to him a couple of days later by the finder, Capt. J. N. Damiens, 106th Med. Reg't. Adjutant.

### 167th And Gainesville Swap Entertainment

This week, in the matter of entertainment, saw the soldiers of the 167th Infantry exchange entertainment with the Florida Players under the direction of the Department of Speech of the University of Florida at Gainesville.

The Florida Players presented three one-act plays in the recreation hall of the 167th Infantry entitled "The Valiant", a drama by H. Hall and R. Middlemass, "Sham" a comedy by Frank G. Tompkins and another comedy "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne.

Music for the evening was furnished by the 167th orchestra and a capacity crowd filled the recreation hall.

A quartet from Company H consisting of Corporals Niram Sauls and Lester Ship and two Privates Cecil Bierly and Lloyd Gant sang arrangements of medleys from the South, during presentation of "Hooray America" a Junior League show.

### Shocking Story Told Quickly

Poor Private Wilbur C. Dukes. He had such a wonderful idea. People using his bed for a couch had caused distinct complications in rest periods, so his inventive mind went immediately to work. A few wires, a hidden connection and a little work brought forth a definite means of ending the curse. And within a few days not a soul dared to intrude upon the privacy of the inventor's bunk.

And then one day it happened; Lt. Howard E. Morgan, on a very definite business errand, placed his frame upon the sleeping place. The shocking device still worked.

### More Beds For Dixie Men Planned

The Armed Services Center, 122 Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, continues to serve the men of Camp Blanding faithfully. This fine center is not only constantly expanding its club and lunch facilities where service men, their families and friends can meet, but is now endeavoring to find more dormitory space for 200 additional comfortable beds. The 200 beds presently installed, at 50c per night, are now nightly far behind the demand. The Dixie sincerely hopes that the effort of the secretary-manager, Mr. D. H. Buie, to carry through this expansion will be successful. The Armed Services Center is backed by the Ministerial Union of Jacksonville. This Center is one of the key leisure time facilities in Jacksonville for men of the armed forces. It fills a definite need, and it is believed that the good people of Jacksonville will see to it that the 200 additional bed requirement receives first priority.

### Dixie Boxers

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for the first time since training began, to stage public matches at the 106th Q. M. arena, purely exhibitional but a factor in determining final entries for some of the unarranged other bouts. Captain Hudson, Division Recreational Officer, says that probably one more such public appearance will be made before they journey to Jacksonville.

Friday night the boys began a regular training table fare, under care of Mrs. Betty Ball Brown, junior hostess and an acknowledged dietician. Other routine training exercises are under the close scrutiny of Private Petey Sarron, assistant to Captain Hudson.

Some of the Division boxers, definitely scheduled to appear on fight night are as follows: Tommy Gomez, 184, 116th F. A., Med. Detach.; Lee R. Yancey, 128, 116 F. A. Reg. Hq.; R. J. Broussard, 150, Co. G, 156th Inf.; Ellis La. Grange, 126, Co. G, 156th Inf.; Vernon Stevens, 126, Co. G, 167th Inf.; Peter J. George, 172, Co. D, 124th Inf.; Carey DeMott, 220, Co. K, 167th Inf.; Joe Castellanos, 110, Co. B, 106th Engrs.; William Rodriguez, 125, Btry. A, 116th F. A. and Howard Goolsby, 185, Co. E, 167th Infantry.

General admission, for enlisted men will be half-fare. For officers it will be one dollar, with reserve seats at \$2.50.

### Religious Forum Open To All

Rev. Robert G. Witty, pastor of the Faith Temple of Jacksonville, a non denominational church of over three thousand members will conduct a Religious Open forum starting May 5th every evening from Monday through Friday for a two weeks period in the 167th Infantry Recreation Hall. The choir and music will be brought down to camp from Jacksonville. All personnel will be invited to the services.

### To Fort Sill

Sergeant George M. Moore, Battery E, 116th Field Artillery left Friday to attend a three month signaling and communications school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

## Selectees Join Mother Units As Training Ends

Selectees of most of the outfits in the 31st will be just plain soldiers from now on, as the training battalions are absorbed into the mother Regiments today, ending the eight weeks separate training program. Only the 106th Medical and a part of the 114th Field Artillery will not have brought the trainees into the advanced units after the Division wide inspection of equipment and training progress of the new additions to the personnel, scheduled today.

The day-long inspection will be divided into two parts, inspection of quarters and equipment taking place in the morning on the company streets and tactical training being reviewed in the afternoon in previously assigned outside areas.

The all-important day for the recruits began at 7:45 a. m. when members of all training units stood beside their beds to display personal equipment. Tent inspections and reviews designed to show the general appearance and "set-up" of the individual soldiers were next.

At 1:15 p. m., training units of the four infantry regiments marched to areas away from the company streets where they pitched shelter tents and showed inspecting officers their knowledge of technical phases of infantry training.

At the same time artillery units, with the exception of part of the 114th Field Artillery regiment, moved to other areas to demonstrate cannoner instruction, pistol marksmanship, motor maintenance and march, motor vehicle operation, camouflage and field fortifications, difficult draft, operation of the automatic rifle and care of material.

While the other units were being inspected in their areas, the Quartermaster regiment engineer regiment, special troops, communication specialists, and regimental medical detachments underwent special examinations in their sections in technical phases of their work.

The activities will be closed by ceremonies of smaller units Saturday and Sunday, several parades and "graduations", are on schedule for the brigades, regiments and companies.

### 116th Songster Needed By Band

The "Rhythmairs", 12-piece orchestra from the 116th Field Artillery band will furnish music in St. Augustine's Columbus Club House for a dance benefitting the Greek War Relief Fund, Saturday. The dance is sponsored by the St. Augustine Pilot's Club. The orchestra is now featured in a weekly radio program every Friday night from 8:30 to 8:55 o'clock over WRUF, Gainesville.

The band is badly in need of a good vocalist, and anyone who thinks he can qualify is urged to contact Lt. Woodrow Dickey, 116th recreational officer, to make arrangements to be on the audition Monday night in the regimental recreation hall.